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The Honorable Dorcas Hardy  
Chairman, Policy Committee  
White House Conference on Aging  
4350 East-West Highway, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
Bethesda, MD 20814

Dear Dorcas,

I am pleased to submit the following recommendations for consideration during the White House Conference on Aging.

In the last half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, investment in research to improve health provided dramatic returns in prevention, treatment and cures for disease and disability, consequently lengthening life expectancy and enhancing U.S. productivity.

Baby boomers expect to live longer than previous generations and they also expect to live healthier lives. Research has the power to lengthen and enrich life by preventing and stalling the onset of age-related diseases and disorders. It is important for policy makers and the public to have an open dialogue on the need for continuing the investment into all facets of research.

We look forward to working with you as the conference draws near.

With best regards,

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